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## Pittsburgh Club Charter Presented

June sixteenth marked the day when the Pittsburgh Club of Theta Upsilon Omega was officially installed with due and fitting ceremony. Brother Hugh Nevin,  $\Lambda$  A, '95, had been commissioned by the Arch Council to conduct the ritual and present the charter.



Hugh Nevin

The installation, which took place at the University Club of Pittsburgh, was preceded by a dinner. The following were present: S. W. McGinness, '01, D. W. Fegert, '25, J. H. Coles, '27, John C. Nevin, '24, Thomas E. Baird, '23, and Hugh Nevin, '95, of Lambda Alpha chapter; Myers G. Lowman, '26, of Iota Alpha chapter; R. H. Dickman, '25, of Beta Beta chapter; and Charles F. Bird, '24, of Zeta Alpha chapter.

Following the dinner the members retired to a private club room. The meeting was called to order by President M. G. Lowman, who explained its object. The credentials of the representative of the Arch Council were presented by Hugh Nevin. In presenting the charter to the club, Brother Nevin said, in part:

"It is an occasion calling for especial celebration and ceremony. It will never occur again in the very nature of its character. It is the birth. It is a time of concern and consideration of our actions in the future, a time when resolutions here accompanying the receiving of this document shall not have been made in vain. History enriches this occasion with notable examples of charters granted through the wisdom of statesmanship, charters obtained

by rebellion and the sword from unwilling monarchs. It was on June 15, 1215, that the English barons forced King John to sign the Magna Charta at Runnymede. This is not the occasion of a victory over oppression—a change in administration—an inception of liberty. It is an event in the natural growth of an organization. In some degree or measure it is an experiment, from this standpoint the future is what we make it.

“Webster defines a charter as an instrument in writing from the constituted authorities of an order or society creating a lodge or branch and defining its powers.

“This instrument gives authority, grants a monopoly, protects the organization, creates an orderly procedure of action, establishes a basis of recognition. Before now, the

Arch Chapter by courtesy recognized this group, hereafter we have our status defined and by virtue of our rights are recognized.

“This occasion carries with it the honor of conferring the first charter to a Club in the history of T. U. O., the charter to the Pittsburgh Club, also the honor of receiving the first charter. I take great pleasure in handing you this document through the authority given me by the Arch Council, and am especially pleased and take a not unworthy pride in the fact that it is to the Pittsburgh Club. Treasure this document, not only for what it is, but for what you can make of it, for what you and your brothers now and your successors in office and membership of the Club can render in service to the parent body. A moment ago we said that this was in the nature of an experiment. It is. But it need not for that reason be any the less effective in promoting the ideals of brotherhood and scholarship, nor less potent in its influence over the habits and lives of the younger T. U. O. men. We have



M. G. Lowman

now on the roster of T. U. O. the names of men who stand out brilliantly among their fellow men because of what they have achieved in their respective vocations. We have traditions running back seven or more decades. We have history.

“As a national fraternity we are in the making. As a club this is Alpha. It is for the Pittsburgh Club to blaze the way for those activities that shall render enduring influence.”

Brother Lowman accepted the charter in behalf of the club, after which an impressive ceremony of installation especially prepared by the Arch Ritualist was executed. At the brief business meeting which followed, it was decided to hold at least one formal meeting annually. It was suggested that this be held on May the second of each year. The president was authorized to appoint two committees, one on extension and expansion, and the other to be called a Welfare Committee, to concern itself with the morale of the member chapters within its phase of influence. The meeting was concluded with the reading of a letter of congratulation from Arch Ritualist A. J. Weston.



## Three Chapters Move into New Homes

One-fourth of our chapters have changed their residences during the past summer. They are Delta Alpha, Epsilon Alpha, and Theta Alpha.

Delta Alpha moved from Champaign, Illinois, to 1106 West Oregon Street, Urbana, Illinois. To those in the fraternity who are unfamiliar with the campus of the University of Illinois, this may, indeed, seem puzzling. However, the two cities are contiguous, with the campus between them. The chapter house was formerly west of the campus, whereas now it is east of it.



New Delta Alpha House

The boys at Delta Alpha tried hard to locate a suitable house in Champaign, since that it is where most of the fraternities are located, but there were none to be bought or rented. The housing problem has always been acute in Champaign, and rentals on old houses are out of all proportion to real estate values. When the situation in Urbana was investigated, the boys found the old  $\Delta \Delta \Pi$  house available and suitable to their needs.

The new house is only two blocks from the campus and in the heart of the sorority district. Fifteen sororities lie within a radius of two blocks.

The house itself is a large wooden structure of no particular "period", with a spacious veranda across the entire front of the building. On entering, one finds to the left a large living room

extending two-thirds the length of the house. Directly in front of the entrance is a library with a cozy fireplace in one corner. Directly back of these rooms are the dining room and kitchen, both of which are spacious and ample.

On the second floor are nine study rooms leading from a wide hallway. On the third floor are four more study rooms and a dormitory which will accommodate twenty double-decked beds.



Epsilon Alpha's New Home

The house will accommodate forty men comfortably. The living rooms and dining room are large enough for banquets and house dances, and the expenditure of about \$2,000 for rugs and furniture has made the place homelike and comfortable.

#### EPSILON ALPHA'S NEW HOME

"The house recently purchased by Epsilon Alpha chapter," writes J. L. Vosburg, Herald, "is a house particularly well suited to the needs of a fraternity. It is conveniently located at 1915 North Park Avenue, a minute's walk from the campus. Possession of the house was obtained on September 20.

"On a quiet, but wide and shady street in the residential section of the city, the white stone front of the house does not truly portray the size and beauty of the interior. Having been the residence of a wealthy family, it has always been well cared for and is in excellent condition.

"The house has three stories, with twelve rooms and two large glass-enclosed sleeping porches, and three bath rooms with shower baths. Floors throughout the entire house are of hardwood.

"The club-room, on the first floor, itself a large room, may be connected with the dining room adjoining by throwing open the wide French doors between the two rooms, thus forming an admirable place for house dances.

"A large open fireplace of imported Italian marble gives a pleasing homelike appearance to the club room. All walls on the first floor are covered with canvas and painted white, with the exception of the kitchen, which is all white tile with a metal ceiling.

"Study rooms are large and cheerful, easily accommodating twenty-six men. The dormitory plan of sleeping will be followed, as the two sleeping porches will hold beds enough for all living in the house.

"The purchase will be financed through banks and building and loan societies with a view of paying off half of the purchase price in ten years. No donations are to be solicited from associate or faculty members. Thus Theta Upsilon Omega will be one of the few fraternities on the Temple campus to own and pay for its own home. Epsilon Alpha chapter has a house and a record to be proud of."

#### THETA ALPHA

All plans and hopes called for the completion of the new Theta Alpha house by the beginning of the school year on September 20. However, unanticipated constructional difficulties were encountered, and the house will now probably not be ready for occupancy before December first.

A number of the brothers have aided in the construction, and there is enough work remaining to keep the pledges busy for the next three years. At the time of the Arch Editor's visit, early in September, he found I. W. Hersey, © A '25, designer of the house, in charge of the construction and W. S. Ware, © A '26, and D. G. Barton, © A '24, engaged in installing the electrical fixtures.

THE OMEGAN hopes to present a full description of the new house in the March issue.

## Samuel J. McKim, Lambda Alpha, '99 Prominent Pittsburgh Jurist

D. D. ANDERSON, A A, '28

Judge Samuel J. McKim, of the Allegheny County Court, Pennsylvania, is truly one of the most outstanding members of T. U. O. A few words about him to acquaint the members at large with him may not be amiss.



S. J. McKim

He was born in the old First Ward, Pittsburgh, in the year 1876. His childhood and youth were marked by a distinct flair for leadership in all matters of arbitration or argument. He became a student at Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, graduating from that institution in 1899. During his college career he became a member of the local fraternity, Pi Rho Phi, now Lambda Alpha chapter. Later he entered the law school of the University of Pittsburgh. His talent along the line which he had chosen as his life work was evidenced more than once during his stay here, and in 1903, young Mr. McKim was admitted to the bar. Since that year, he has practiced law

in Pittsburgh, carefully building up, step by step, the name which today is the bond and safeguard of all his actions. It was in this modest but steady way that Mr. McKim gradually found his place among his fellow workers and in the hearts of the public.

He became solicitor of his borough and school district, vice-president of the Pennsylvania Association of Boroughs, and chairman of the Judiciary General Committee of the House of Representatives.



All this while, Mr. McKim was a keen student of municipal law and government. Here was a great need. Too often the persons intrusted with the charge of representing boroughs and school districts in the higher courts and legal bodies were men of huge shortcomings—men who had been “boosted” for the office by a gang or clique. The borough, perhaps, was “not important enough,” and in the large majority of cases the representative himself was of far greater moment. Mr. McKim, however, was no anti-this or -that. He was, apparently and self-admittedly, a student of conditions. And, as people suddenly realized, he was the man for the job.

It was not unnatural, then, that in the fall of 1921 Mr. McKim found that he was a candidate, in rarely good standing, for a judgeship on the county court bench. Now Mr. McKim’s seemingly modest machine of procedure was galvanized to sudden action. He planned a canvass of the county, and the scores of friends that were his through associations in the bar and among citizens, put on an extensive and energetic campaign to insure the co-operation of right-minded citizens. And now the experience gained by the years of tireless, unremitting scrutiny that the candidate had made of conditions and theories for their betterment, came to the fore. Mr. McKim’s friends were able to point out, unchallenged, instances of his perception and farsighted vision. Among these was the influence he exercised when he served at Harrisburg on some of the most important committees. Here Mr. McKim’s opinions on questions relative to borough and township control carried great weight. As a member of the House committee on education, his outstanding activity won to him large numbers of women’s organizations. While in the legislature during its last session, Mr. McKim gave a very great deal of his time and support to the bills presented by the American Legion and various other war veterans’ organizations.

Judge McKim was accorded a place on the county court bench, where he has been able to render much more effective service to the community and the state. As a distinguished alumnus of Theta Upsilon Omega, for he was among the first of the alumni to affiliate with the new national fraternity in 1924, THE OMEGAN is very happy in the honor of acclaiming Judge Samuel J. McKim.



Theta Alpha Chapter

## History of Theta Alpha Chapter

LLOYD A. SIMPSON, Θ A, '27

Sigma Beta was founded by a group of men who felt the need of a new fraternity at the University of New Hampshire, and who wished to strengthen the bonds of friendship already existing between them. These men were Carl Dickinson, '22; Francis French, '22; Ralph Proctor, '22; Howard Ingham, '22; Leonard Marshall, '22; Charles Swain, '22; George Phelps, '23; Frederick Whiting, '23; Forrest Merrill, '23; Stillman Stanley, '22, and Bruce Russell, '22—all men of high scholastic standing.



Theta Alpha's New Home Nearing Completion

The first meeting was held in May, 1921, in Fairchild Hall, and the following officers were elected: Carl Dickinson, president; Howard Ingham, vice-president; Francis French, secretary; and Ralph Proctor, treasurer. The meetings for the rest of the spring were also held in Fairchild Hall, and the Dairy Building was used for the first initiation. Others initiated that spring were Rupert Kimball, '24; Leon Glover, '23; Arthur Lawrence, '23; Howard Turner, '22; Ivan Hussey, '24; William Moore, ex-'24; and Stanley Hamilton, '23.

In the fall of 1921, the new fraternity leased the present Marshall House on Main Street, an old colonial building with a fireplace in every room. The determination and zeal of the founders of Sigma Beta won them distinction on the campus. Sigma Beta took an active part in all inter-fraternity activities at New Hampshire, and many of its members were prominent leaders on the campus. During this first year Glover made his letter as Manager of Basketball; Swain was president of the Y. M. C. A.; Proctor, French, and Dickinson were prominent in the Engineering Club; and Shand and Lawrence were on the *New Hampshire* and *Granite* boards. The following new men were initiated during this year: Donald Chase, '23; Kenneth Clark, '25; George Middlemas, '23; Wayne Parkhurst, '24; Oscar Pearson, '23; Ernest Woodlin, '24; Clarence Cummings, '23; Wilbur Cummings, '23; Warren Kelley, '23; George Sanders, '25; and Gordon Drew, '25.

High scholarship has always been one of the ideals of Sigma Beta, and at the end of the first full year as a fraternity, the brothers were rewarded for their efforts by winning the Inter-Fraternity Scholarship Cup. This cup was won by the fraternity for four consecutive years since the organization of Sigma Beta.

In the fall of 1922, the present home of the fraternity on Madbury Road was rented. The founders of the fraternity had set up high character, brotherly love, and scholarship, as a standard for their fraternity, and the rapid, almost phenomenal growth of Sigma Beta proved the wisdom of these early members in selecting men of only these sterling qualities.

In the fall of 1923, Sigma Beta sent Bradford McIntyre, '25, to represent the fraternity at the Inter-Local Fraternity Conference in New York City, and as a result, Sigma Beta was selected as one of the ten local fraternities which were to form a new national fraternity. Brother McIntyre was also sent as Sigma Beta's representative to Lewisburg, where Theta Upsilon Omega had its birth.

Since becoming Theta Alpha chapter of Theta Upsilon Omega, the fraternity has continued to grow, and now ranks among the foremost on the campus. In the spring of 1924, Theta Alpha won the Inter-fraternity Debating Cup and this last spring was runner-up in the Inter-fraternity Debating League. For the past two years, Theta Alpha has also been runner-up in the Inter-



fraternity Baseball League. A majority of the brothers belong to one or more honorary societies at New Hampshire.

The energy of all members of the chapter has been bent this year towards the construction of the new \$40,000 chapter house. This was not completed by the opening of school, as had been expected, and the boys are scattered about in temporary quarters. With the completion of Theta Alpha's new home in December, the possibilities for the continued growth and prosperity of the fraternity in years to come seem assured.

## The University of New Hampshire

LLOYD A. SIMPSON, Θ A, '27

The New Hampshire State Legislature of 1863 accepted the conditions of an act of the Federal Congress of July 2, 1862, entitled, "An Act donating public lands to the several states and



View of the Campus, University of New Hampshire

territories which may provide colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts." As a result, the New Hampshire College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts was established in 1866, with an enrollment of twelve students, at Hanover, New Hampshire, as a state institution in connection with Dartmouth College.

In 1893 the college was moved from Hanover to Durham. It was Benjamin Thompson, a wealthy farmer, who changed the sleepy New England village of Durham into a thriving college town, for upon his death, January 30, 1890, he left to the college his entire estate with the exception of a few minor reservations. His bequest comprised 253 acres of land and a sum of nearly \$370,000. The legislature accepted this bequest March 5, 1891, and appropriated money for the first buildings.

Upon its removal to Durham, there was an enrollment of sixty-four students. Three buildings, Thompson Hall, Conant Hall, and Nesmith Hall were completed during the first college year in Durham. Since then the college has grown rapidly, and on May 24, 1923, the state legislature passed an act incorporating the University of New Hampshire, the Act to take effect July 1, 1923. The new corporation includes the present corporation known as the New Hampshire College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, and also provides for a College of Technology and a College of Liberal Arts.

At present there are over twenty college buildings, and approximately 1400 students. During 1918-19, there were 1467 additional men registered for special military work under the S. A. T. C. organization.

The college now receives an annual income of about \$32,000 from the Thompson funds, and approximately \$500,000 a year from the state as a result of an Act by the last legislature which appropriates for the University one mill on every dollar of the assessed valuation of the taxable property of the state. Hetzel Hall, a new men's dormitory, has just been completed, and Murkland Hall, a new classroom building, is under construction. The University is planning a continuous building program for the next fifty years.

Durham, the home of the University, is one of the most historical towns of New Hampshire. It was organized in 1732, and in the early days it was the scene of many Indian massacres. From 1675 to 1724, the Indians made no less than eight raids upon the town, and at least one hundred of the inhabitants were killed. During the Revolutionary War a large quantity of powder from a nearby fort was removed to Durham, where the British attempted to seize it, and there was stored underneath the pulpit



The Library, University of New Hampshire

in the church. Durham was also famous as the home of Major John Sullivan of the Revolutionary Army.

There are now thirteen fraternities and six sororities at the University of New Hampshire. Ten of the fraternities are national; namely, Kappa Sigma, Theta Chi, Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Lambda Chi Alpha, Theta Upsilon Omega, Phi Mu Delta, Alpha Gamma Rho, Theta Kappa Phi, and Phi Alpha. The sororities are Alpha Xi Delta, Chi Omega, Alpha Chi Omega, Phi Mu, Delta Kappa, and Sigma Omicron. There are also a large number of honorary societies on the campus.

New Hampshire has had winning teams in all the major sports for the last ten years, and during that time has defeated both the Army and Holy Cross on the football field, as well as winning a majority of games with teams of its own class.



## Three T. U. O. Men Attend Pi Delta Epsilon Conclave

DOUGLAS ANDERSON, Z A '27, DESCRIBES TRIP ON SPECIAL TRAIN

Delegates to the national convention of Pi Delta Epsilon, held at Berkeley, California, September 8, 9, and 10, included among their number three members of Theta Upsilon Omega. These were the delegate from George Washington University, Fred Youngman, Law '27, of Eta Alpha chapter; from the University of Illinois, R. B. Webb, Δ A '27; and from Bucknell University, Douglas W. Anderson, '27, of Zeta Alpha.

Of Fred Youngman, Joe D. Wahlstrom, H A '28, has the following to say:

"For the past few years, Eta Alpha chapter has been the leader in journalistic activities at George Washington University, and in securing this enviable position for us Brother Fred Youngman has been very active. Fred started his journalistic career as a reporter on the *Hatchet*, our weekly college newspaper, and during the year 1924-25 he was Editor-in-Chief. *The Hatchet* now has the largest circulation of any collegiate weekly newspaper, and the majority of responsible positions on the staff are held by T. U. O. men. Fred's latest venture is the G. W. Press Club, which was organized for the purpose of resuscitating the *Ghost*, a comic magazine which was published at G. W. until it was suppressed about three years ago. As president of the newly-organized Press Club, Youngman was successful in securing permission from the faculty to revive this magazine, the first issue of which is due to make its appearance soon.



Fred Youngman

"Fred received his A.B. in 1925, and will get his law degree in 1927. He is a member of Delta Theta Phi, honorary legal fraternity, and of the Pyramid Honor Society of G. W. He belonged to Kappa Tau Omega, the original Eta Alpha chapter of T. U. O. Just as though he didn't have enough to do already, Fred spends

about seven hours daily working in the office of Senator Kendrick, of Wyoming.

"And when a bunch of T. U. O.'s congregate, there is almost sure to be a quorum present for a meeting of the *Hatchet* staff, P. D. E., or Press Club."



R. B. Webb

R. B. Webb, Δ A '27, is secretary-treasurer of the Illinois chapter of Pi Delta Epsilon. In 1925 he was the circulation manager of the *Siren*, Illinois' humorous magazine. He has held many offices in Delta Alpha chapter, and was the author of the "History of the University of Illinois," published in the October, 1925, issue of THE OMEGAN.

Douglas W. Anderson, Z A '27, was last year the advertising manager of the *Belle Hop*, the comic magazine of Bucknell. He spent the past summer as a life guard at Long Branch, New Jersey, quitting in time to take the special train to San Francisco. Writing on the stationery of The Clift Hotel, of San Francisco, he takes time to tell us the following:

"We have certainly had a good time out here, ending this evening with a banquet at the above hotel. Brother Webb, Brother Youngman and myself have been staying at the house out at Berkeley. The brothers of the California chapter have done their best to improve our stay.

"We have had as many delegates as any other national fraternity, S. A. E. and Beta Theta Pi being the only other ones that had three representatives.

"Youngman from G. W. joined the special at Denver. We spent a day at Colorado Springs and half a day at Salt Lake City, where we certainly saw a lot in the allotted time, including a swim in the Salt Lake. At Colorado Springs we went up the Broadmoor-Cheyenne mountain trail and also up Pike's Peak. At Salt Lake, besides a swim, we looked over the State Capitol, took in the organ recital at the Mormon temple, and took a sight-seeing trip around the city.

"We took the most scenie route over the Rockies, but it surely was dusty."

An interesting feature of the Pi Delta Epsilon convention was the characterization by the Grand Council of certain chapters as "outstanding." The ranking was based on efficiency in local organizations, co-operation with the national office, and high standard of work. The designated chapters were Stevens, Bucknell, California, George Washington, and Washington and Lee. Four of these  $\Pi \Delta E$  chapters are located at institutions where T. U. O. has chapters, and two of them, George Washington and Bucknell, were represented at the convention by T. U. O. men.



D. W. Anderson

## A T. U. O. Landscape Architect's Visit to Mount Vernon

VANADA J. MEYL, I A '26

A visit to Washington without a trip to Mount Vernon is almost unthinkable. The outlines of this famous old house of Washington are familiar to every school child in America. It is one of life's ambitions to be able to say, "I have paid my tribute to the greatness of Washington by a pilgrimage to Mount Vernon. I have stood before his tomb and passed through the chambers of the home of this great man of patriotism, honor and integrity."



Mount Vernon

My trip was made by boat, making a very pleasant ride via the Potomac. On the way down I saw many interesting sections which have been developed along the river. From the boat I saw Washington's home, a typical southern mansion, with its shaded lawns, gardens, orchards and out-buildings, elevated upon a prominent point, commanding an excellent view of the Potomac River and of the surrounding country.

I disembarked and approached the mansion on the old pathway, winding up through a very narrow ravine. It was down this path that young George Washington started to be a sailor,

but was turned back at the river's edge by his mother's tears.

As I walked up the path I saw the old tomb of Washington which is halfway down the bank towards the landing, and fronts out on the river. It was here that Lafayette came in 1824, and wept at the sight of it.

I ascended the pathway and beheld at the terminus of the walk, back some distance from the river and out of sight of the main grounds, the new tomb of Washington, which is constructed of red brick and well covered with English Ivy and somewhat enclosed with evergreens. This was built according to directions found in Washington's will. The remains were placed there about 1832. There George and Martha Washington sleep side by side in their Vermont marble caskets.

From the tomb the path bends again to the right, making about a right angle at the intersection. It then leads around the hill to the summer house which overlooks the private deer park of George Washington; this park separates the lawn from the river bank. From eighty to one hundred feet from the tomb is another path on the left leading practically straight to the house. The path from the tomb to this point is planted on either side with red cedars.

At last I reached a point where I could view the mansion. That is, at the rear entrance. The house and grounds are some distance up the knoll, hidden by trees and ivy-covered wall. I passed through the toll gate and walked up the old drive. It is fitting and proper that you enter afoot, as no vehicles are allowed inside the grounds, and no smoking is allowed on the premises. I passed through the simple gateway entrance, and paused to look back. I seemed to see Washington riding up the drive, back from Alexandria on some business. The old fence, the plain gate posts, are still there intact, as in his day. Trees line the parkway and shade the drive. The drive circles the walled gardens; this is a brick wall which encloses flower borders, boxwood clumps, a vegetable garden and a grassy ramp, much as they did in colonial days.

To the left I observed the beautiful box-hedged gardens of Martha Washington, which are considered to be the best-designed boxwood gardens in America, and of an historic interest impossible



to approach, laid out and stocked in the English fashion, every square has its history; every flower and shrub, tree and vine has



**Green House and Portion of Garden of  
Mount Vernon**

hallowed associations with George Washington and his day. No garden lover will ever come to Mount Vernon without spending a good share of his or her time in the garden. Aside from the mansion house itself, it is the outstanding attraction. Indeed, it seems as if even Washington recognized this fact because he walled it in

with brick walls to give it protection, and to screen off the rest of the buildings in order to bring it within itself, to make its appeal all the more frank and compelling.

Some say that while George Washington busied himself with his five large farms and his account books, Martha Washington spent her spare time in laying out the garden and superintending the plantings therein while others have discovered creditable evidence tending to show that even Washington's surveying instruments found a work to do there, and that the garden shows the results of his careful planning. We do not pretend to say which version is correct, for both are more or less in the nature of conjectures. We do not know to a certainty.

Martha Washington's garden occupies some three acres of ground. It is given over entirely to flowers, hedges and shrubs, among which are some beautiful specimens of hydrangea brought from France and numerous magnolias. The garden, considered as a whole, is, in reality, a series of gardens one within another. English boxwood hedges are found in extreme profusion. They flank us on every hand; they separate the perennial garden from the rose garden; the annual garden from the rose garden; they divide and quarter the garden in every direction the eye turns. They line the main paths around and through it. They are so

ingeniously planted and trimmed that they present solid walls of green to the eye, no matter what direction we turn, yet here and there, through them we find narrow passageways to the smaller gardens nearer the center of the tract.

The general plan of the garden is more or less circular; that is, the paths sweep in generous curves in conformity with the boundary wall, and while the hedges seem to separate the whole garden into smaller gardens which are complete in themselves, it also is true that the paths lie one within another, and the garden seems to be a garden of paths.

Upon leaving this garden you suddenly come in full view of the mansion, two city blocks away. The first thing that strikes the eye of the garden lover is the generous open spaces about Mount Vernon. Not a leaf or bush obscures the full view of the house. The drive circles in, makes a turn around a patch of lawn, in the center of which stands Washington's sun dial, and we are at the back door of the home where Washington was master for a full forty years. The vista from the rear of the house is particularly attractive because it is practically level and of such distance. One can see for a mile or more over a green area inclosed by trees and clumps of shrubbery, until the eye is finally focussed on two small white buildings backed up by large dark evergreens. There are many large oak and elm trees, and a few evergreens well placed enclosing the vista. The entire arrangement is very informal.

Rather we should say that there are three back doors, for Mount Vernon is a

house of straight halls, three running through the house, dividing the rooms from front to back. The doorway at the left, as we enter from the rear, is the entrance to the famous Banquet Hall. The high ceiling is true to our expectations, but the rather small fireplace,



A Corner in the Garden

with its marble mantel, seemed out of proportion to the size of the room. The Banquet Hall itself was a disappointment in that it was much smaller than I had expected. I was convinced that no Mount Vernon party ever exceeded twenty guests. Among the many priceless relics found about in cases on the mantel piece and table, is the key of the Bastille, that grim old prison of French kings, at last destroyed by a long suffering people, a gift from Lafayette to Washington.

There was little to impress me inside Mount Vernon—it was too much like a museum, and too many people tramping and milling around; one can't get a perspective of it, it is too ordinary, as compared with the majesty of the exterior.

I passed out the front door, onto the flagged veranda overlooking the Potomac. This was Washington's favorite spot. Here he entertained his visitors, when the weather permitted. Here Lafayette came to bid goodbye to his chief. These flagstones which pave the floor were imported from England by Lawrence Washington, the builder of Mount Vernon. The wonder is that Virginia's native stock did not satisfy. But this was typical of the times; all eyes were turned to England, everything came from England. The Colonies were capable of producing only raw materials and advancing impossible political theories. I observed that the porch roof had eight columns; yet a famous artist has painted a picture in which he placed nine! I examined the walls of the house proper. They seemed to be of stone, painted white, as the White House. I rapped on them with my knuckles and discovered they were wood. Then a caretaker told me they were indeed of wood, cut in imitation of stone. I had thought, and many others have thought, that Mount Vernon was of clap-board construction.

From this veranda attractive vistas are to be gained by the observer in almost any direction. The lawn area to the right as one faces the river is broken by a perpendicular brick wall which is about four feet high. This wall was built to keep out cattle, etc., and cannot be detected from a higher elevation unless one is very close. Because of this condition the wall was christened "Ha Ha," as one was never aware of the presence of this wall until he was almost directly upon it, and the unexpectedness of it all caused him to laugh.

Again I entered the house, the middle hallway. The main stairway was beginning to tremble under the weight of the millions of the curious feet which have mounted it. To the right I glanced into the music room, filled with musical instruments, chairs and furniture—all of Washington's day. Among the musical instruments I saw the harpsicord, or old-time piano, the wedding gift of Washington to pretty Nellie Custis, which he bought in England and which cost him a thousand dollars to deliver at Mount Vernon. Even the rug on the floor was there when he dwelt at Mount Vernon; this is protected by not allowing visitors to enter the room.

Across the hall is the family dining room. I observed that there was no kitchen in Mount Vernon proper. All the cooking was done in a separate building at the rear and carried into the great house. I came out upon the steps at the rear and gazed back into the Virginia landscape, thrilled anew. Indeed, here was the real heart of Mount Vernon, the outdoors!

Washington's library commands a view of the walk to the river landing, also the driveway and wide expanse to the rear. Here are collected his surveying instruments, his desk, his chairs, several of his swords, and his books. His bookcase is built-in, and painted or enamelled in white. It mounts to the ceiling and contains no more books than many an average home has. I was interested in the kind of books Washington read. I found that, roughly speaking, two-thirds of them were on agricultural subjects, the balance being about evenly divided between English history and naval histories and diaries.

Martha Washington's sitting room, or sewing room, adjoined the library but overlooked the porch and river. A stairway leads up to her bedchamber. The upper rooms at Mount Vernon give one a feeling of being cramped for ceiling room, perhaps because the lower rooms are high ceilinged. In fact, the windows are right under the roof of the porch.

In Washington's bed chamber I saw the very bed upon which he died, and in Martha Washington's room, the bed where she died three years later. The furniture is intact, and expressive of the best fashion of the day. It has, with the exception of the General's great bed, the ostentation and affectation of the aristo-

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Raymond Burkley



Vincent V. Pearce

## Activities at Temple University Handled by T. U. O. Men

Theta Upsilon Omega leads all fraternities in activities at Temple University. David E. Wilson, '27, is Student Editor of the *Temple University Weekly*, the highest student position on the board of that paper. Ben Cresse, '27, is captain of both the football and track teams. Ray Burkley, '27, is president of the Student Council, and Vincent V. Pearce, '27, holds most of the remaining important offices.

By reason of the inherent modesty which is possessed by Epsilon Alpha in a greater degree than by any other chapter of which we know, we succeeded in getting brief articles about only two of these interesting members.

### Raymond Burkley

Raymond Burkley, '27, was elected president of the Student Council, to succeed Brother Rittenhouse, for the school term of



1926-27. The Student Council, on which Brother Burkley has been a representative of the Teachers College for three years, is one of the most important organizations in the University, governing all student activities, settling disputes between students and organizations on the campus and presiding over all class elections.

Brother Burkley acted as secretary of the council last year. He is also secretary of the Blue Key Honorary Fraternity, Manager of the University Band and a member of the orchestra and Mens' Glee Club.

A graduate of Girard College in 1922, "Ray" became treasurer of the freshman class in his first year at Temple. He was initiated into Theta Upsilon Omega in the spring of 1925 and has supported the chapter in many ways by capably serving on various committees.

### Vincent Pearce

Vincent V. Pearce, '27, is the acknowledged leader of all activities in which he is interested. For this term, his fourth and senior year at Temple, he has been chosen to fill the highest position in four of the major organizations in the University. Brother Pearce was unanimously chosen as Master of Epsilon Alpha Chapter at the last meeting of the previous term. He is president of the Owl chapter of the Blue Key National Honorary Fraternity, president of the Senior Class of the Teachers College and president of the Amalgamated Senior Class of Temple University. He is also a representative on the Interfraternity Council, having served as chairman of the Interfraternity Ball Committee last spring, a member of the Mens' Glee Club and of the Students' Activity Committee.

Brother Pearce came to Temple from Columbia, Pa., where he was president of the Senior class of Columbia High School in 1923. His ability was soon recognized, he becoming president of the English Club in his first year at college and president of the Sophomore Class during his second year.

Since his initiation into Theta Upsilon Omega in 1925, "Vince" has capably filled the offices of Steward, Marshall and Master. It is largely through his hard work and enthusiasm that the fraternity has prospered and attained such a prominent place on the campus.

## Boalt Hall of Law

W. REGINALD JONES, F B '25

The University of California maintains two schools for the teaching of law. The first of these, Hastings College of Law, was endowed by the first Chief Justice of the Supreme bench of California, the Hon. S. Clinton Hastings. This College, by the political code of the state, is made the law department of the University. But it is situated in San Francisco, removed from the campus, and a need for a school of law at Berkeley was felt.

Accordingly, and by gradual steps, the School of Jurisprudence was established. At first but a few courses were offered, under the late William Carey Jones, who became the first Dean of the new school. In 1911 the present home of the school, the Boalt Hall of Law, was completed, and the Dean's dream had matured.

The Hall is an impressive building of steel and granite, conforming to the Phoebe A. Hearst plan of the University. It has ample classrooms, a well equipped library, study rooms, lounging rooms, and facilities in the stacks for study by third year students.

The faculty consists of men whose names are familiar to everyone who has delved into the law. The present Dean is Orrin K. McMurray. Alexander M. Kidd, who goes to Columbia for a year beginning this fall, is faculty editor of the *California Law Review*, published by the school. George P. Castigan, Jr., Henry W. Balentine, Dudley O. McGovney, Max Radin, and W. W. Ferrier, Jr., are other widely known doctors of the law and legal writers offering courses.

Boalt Hall is noted on the campus for the congeniality and comradeship found among its students, and for the close relations maintained between them and the school's faculty. This characteristic is accentuated the more because of the size of the general University, where, by reason of its large classes, intimacy between professor and student is impossible.

The goal of the school is to turn out not only successful practical lawyers, but to develop scholars. The spirit exuded by the faculty has been picked up by the students, and the attitude of the place is serious. Successful pursuit of studies is applauded by fellow students, and a chance to serve on the staff of the *Law Re-*

*view*, which is an honor bestowed on the most promising, is attained only through the strongest competition.

The Knights of the Green Eye-Shade labor, but so do they play. The members of the first year class (who are seniors in the University) number many prominent student leaders in journalism, athletics, and other activities. The rest spend what spare hours they find in pursuits ever dear to college men,—yes, and women too, for we have a few Portias.

Four professional fraternities have chapters in the school. Phi Alpha Delta, Phi Delta Phi, Delta Theta Phi, and Gamma Eta Gamma are represented. There is no sporadic rushing, but bids from all fraternities are issued on a pre-arranged date.

Phi Alpha Delta and Phi Delta Phi have an annual baseball game that is traditional with the school. Members of the faculty umpire, and reinforce their decisions with precedents from the law books, which are quite weighty. "Big League" baseball is served by the adversaries. The score of this year's game was 23 to 5.

With its work and play, the school has steadily progressed, until today it ranks with the first class schools of the country, and its stride is being lengthened annually.

## Dinner at the T. U. O. House

It is 7:20, and Mr. Hartman, the estimable Steward, has rung the bell for the second time. Those in the parlor complain that dinner is being served too early, but after about five minutes' persuasion on the Steward's part they finally decide that they had better eat after all, and accordingly go into the dining room. All the goats, who respect the members with a reverent awe, stand aside and permit everyone else to enter first.

All start to sip their soup reluctantly, and realizing that conversation would be impossible during this noise, no one speaks.

Mr. Youngman, having finished his first bowl of soup, sees another bowl at an unoccupied place. Turning to Mr. Roe, he says, "Walt, shall I hand you that extra bowl of soup?"

"No, thanks, Fred," says Walt, "it's all I can do to get away with one bowl."

"Me, too," says Fred, and the extra bowl of soup remains untouched.

After the soup has been served one of the goats makes his appearance, about fifteen minutes late, but he is reassured by Goat-master Pomeroy, who says, "Hello there, Buddy, you're just in time."

At this point the telephone rings, and there ensues a mad scramble among the goats to answer it. At the end of five minutes of intense struggling, one of the boys succeeds in reaching the hall.

"T. U. O.," says he, in a mild, sweet voice.

"Is this West 4825?" inquires the voice at the other end of the line.

"No, you have the wrong number. I'm very sorry." And with that the goat comes back into the dining room and says, "Ha, ha, they had the wrong number, ha, ha." His chuckles prove infectious, and it is not long before the whole table is indulging in mirthful convulsions over this humorous incident.

By this time everyone has been served with the delicacy of the evening, which happens to be weiners and sauer kraut, and the Steward urges one and all to send their plates back for more.

However, the prevalent spirit of brotherly love is marred by the reprimand of Dan McGrew, who addresses the Steward thus: "Doug, what makes you put so much butter on these plates? At the rate you're going, you'd think butter grew on trees. I'm sure everyone would be satisfied with half as much, and just look how much you'd save."

"No, Dan, you're wrong," replies Doug. "It is my policy to give everyone as much butter as he can eat, and as long as I'm Steward of this house I'm going to keep on doing it." And thus the matter drops.

It is perhaps needless to say that the goats have maintained a stolid silence all during the meal, speaking only when spoken to.

The members on the far side of the room, having eaten their fill of the delectable sauer kraut and weiners, begin to speculate on whether their coffee or their dessert will reach them first. After waiting for a few minutes, the coffee preceeds the dessert by a fraction of an inch, and the members on the far side of the table agree to give a rising vote of thanks to the maid.

All then adjourn to the parlor, where Vie Koch announces that he is selling chances on a locomotive, for which he is the sole agent.

—*The Whistle* of Eta Alpha Chapter

## Football Prospects at California

F. LE ROY CUMMINGS,  $\Gamma$  B '26, *Sports Writer for the Oakland Post-Enquirer*

Led by Captain Bert Griffin of Gamma Beta, the University of California football team faces a rather uncertain season. The Golden Bear after five years without a defeat fell three times in 1925 and the championship team of previous years is now completely wrecked by graduation.



Captain Bert F. Griffin,  $\Gamma$  B, '27

California was dealt an irreparable blow when death called Andrew Latham Smith, its football coach, shortly after the end of the 1925 season. Smith, declared one of the greatest coaches in the game, had given California its greatest football teams and



had elevated the American game on the Pacific Coast to a standard equal to the best in the country.

"Nibs" Price, who served as first assistant to the late Bruin coach for five years, has been chosen head coach at Berkeley and all feel that the little Napoleon of western football will make good.

California has some eleven veterans with which to build a new team. Many of these are letter men who did not play regularly last fall. Bert Griffin is expected to be the outstanding star on the California team. We say that not only with fraternal feeling but with the backing of the leading football erities on the Pacific coast who declare that Griffin should be one of the greatest plungers in the country this fall.

Another Californian, Frank "Red" Gill, F B, '28, whose flaming locks outshine those of Red Grange, is also a prospect for the varsity team. "Red" was out of school last fall, but has won the eye of Coach Price who believes that he will make the varsity his first year out.

California has a difficult schedule, playing conference games with the University of Oregon, Oregon Agricultural College, University of Southern California and Washington and Stanford.

## Cover Design Contest

If you have any talent along artistic lines, do not fail to participate in THE OMEGAN cover design contest. The prize for the winning design is one life subscription to THE OMEGAN. Entries must be in by December 27, 1926.

## Why Go to College?

DAVID E. WILSON, E A '27

Ever present with us, like the "old chestnut" you heard when a boy, is the question, "Why Go To College?" It has been written about many times and is usually taken from one of two points of view: either the student is going to college to make money, or he is just attending to be cultured.

There are three classes of students in our colleges and universities today. We have the fellow who goes just because his Dad wants him to. Another fellow is there so he will be able to earn more money and be wealthy. Still another goes because he wants to receive a higher education so he can live a happy comfortable life. We shall consider them in order.

The first type does not need a long description. He is the well dressed chap who is always loitering on the campus. He has nothing to occupy his time and is quite too busy with social affairs to bother with lessons. This lad is satisfied just to get through or perhaps to spend four years and leave. What is a degree to him? His father will start him in his office, anyway, and why study? It is of no practical use. He gets little out of the courses and leaves with a sigh of relief.

The second chap goes to college with the impression held by most college men. He is going to college to prepare to earn money. His university training will be a panacea for all money troubles. Just let him get hold of that degree and he will be all set for the rest of his life. He need have no more worries.

He goes to college and gets his degree and then leaves his Alma Mater for the outside world. After being out a few years he finds he has not made a fortune. If any fond father asked him, he would advise him to send his boy to work after finishing high school. College never did anything for him. He has not made any more money than his next door neighbor, Smith, who never went to college at all.

This fellow made a great mistake by going to college. The workshop was the place for him. He expected a college training to be a horn of plenty. An education to him was another means

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# The Chapter Paper

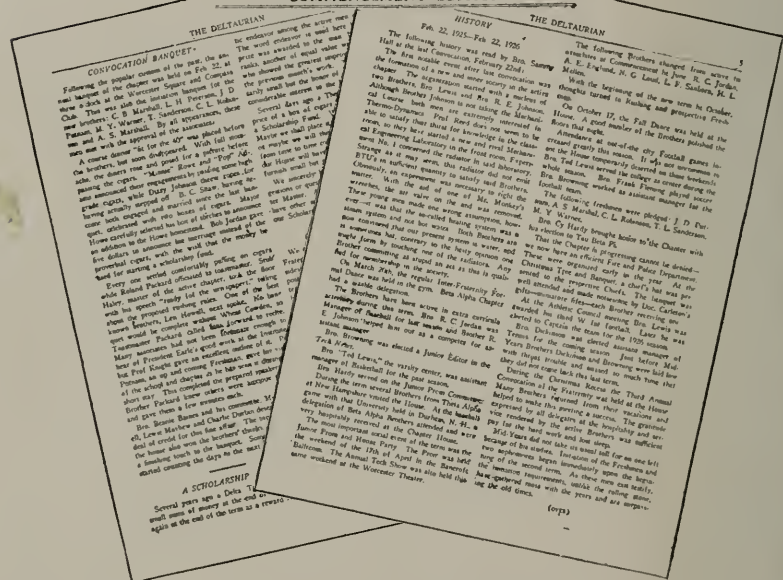
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## Eight Papers Received

Since we last went to press we have received eight chapter papers. This does not indicate unusual activity during the summer months, but rather that many chapters wind up the school year with a paper summarizing the events of the year. We have received one of each of the following: *The Deltaurian*, Beta Alpha chapter, F. T. Johnson, editor; *The Bulletin*, Gamma Alpha chapter, G. G. N. Purcell, editor; *The Oak Leaves*, Delta Alpha chapter, R. M. Francis, editor; *The Theta Alphan*, Theta Alpha chapter, L. A. Simpson, editor; and *The Iotan*, Iota Alpha chapter, Ray

Treichler, editor. Three issues of *The Whistle*, Eta Alpha, G. N. Gardner, editor, were received.

### The Deltaurian

*The Deltaurian* is the most pretentious paper received in this lot and exceeded only by *The Pow Wow*, Gamma Beta, as the most pretentious paper received to date. It is printed and comprises twelve pages, 10½ by 8 inches, on a highly enameled paper. It is saddle stitched. The cover has a title cut, a cut of the fraternity crest, and a picture of the chapter house. The body of the paper is made up of two 20-em columns of 10-point type.

The outstanding characteristic of *The Deltaurian* is the excellent quality of the articles it contains. They deal with the problems the chapter has overcome and those it has yet to meet. They record the activities of the chapter and the individuals in it. Lastly, the paper contains an up-to-date directory of its total membership.

The only fault we can find with the paper is that there is a monotony of appearance of its pages which could have been remedied by the use of subheadings and the use of heavier type in the existing headings.

### The Bulletin

The year's fifth issue of *The Bulletin* appeared on May eighth with four mimeographed pages of snappy news. This included an account of the highly successful smoker on May first, personals, spring sports news and the closing events of the school year.

### The Oak Leaves

Number three of Volume V of *The Oak Leaves* reached us on April twenty-third. It contained an urgent request to associate members to attend the May second anniversary celebration. It also contained interesting chapter and alumni news, as well as a record of the athletic accomplishments of the chapter and its individuals.

The three hectographed pages comprising the paper were rather hard on the eyes. Perhaps the brothers will take to heart the reprint at the end of this department.

### The Whistle

Volume II of *The Whistle* rounded up the year with a flourish with its tenth number, an eight-page mimeographed side-stitched booklet. It is an exceedingly well balanced paper and is bound to hold the interest of the reader. It begins with "The Academic Procession," a list of the chapter's graduating members and their affiliations.

There follows a serious article viewing the year in retrospect. "Leaves from a Pledge's Diary," by E. L. Huber, is very entertaining and relieves the tension after the heavy stuff. A facetious advertisement and a complete membership directory wind up the issue.

### The Theta Alphan

*The Theta Alphan* made its appearance in the Arch Editor's mail on June second as the first product of the newly elected Herald. It is published once each term, and appeared this time as a four-page two-column paper. It makes no effort to chronicle all of the events of the preceding semester. It contains a half dozen news items of the most recent events, such as the election of new officers, the anniversary banquet, progress on the new house, intramural baseball, and a proposed house dance.

The remainder of the paper consists of a profusion of personal notes. These include forty-three about alumni members and thirty-four concerning undergraduates. This department should prove very interesting to the alumni of the chapter.

The alumni of Theta Alpha have been brought into such close contact with the active chapter through its building activities during the past year that the need for a chapter paper has been greatly lessened. However, a chapter paper is an institution which should appear on regular publication dates.

### The Iotan

The second number of *The Iotan* to be published was received on May first. Its four mimeographed pages were chock-full of interesting news items. The pages had double columns, and the material was broken up with subtitles in such a manner as to make the whole very readable. The issue possessed none of the objectionable features of the first number.



### Chapter News Letters

When a chapter graduates its first class of members, the time has then arrived when it needs a chapter news letter. It becomes necessary that your alumni be kept in touch with what is going on in the chapter; a chapter news letter then becomes a necessity.

Many chapters in Delta Sigma Pi issue such letters. They are called many different names: *Alpha News*, *Beta News*, *Gamma Noise*, *Delta Drawl*, *Epsilon Epistle*, *Eta News*, *Theta News*, *Iota News*, *Lambda Lantern*, *Mu Mew*, *Nu News*, *Xi News*, *Sigma Seagull*, *Upsilon Undertone*, *Phi News*, *Chi Crier*, *Psi News*, *Omegazine*, *Alpha-Epsilon News*, *Alpha-Theta News*, *Flashes From Alpha-Iota*, etc.

Some chapters issue these letters every week, religiously, during the college year; others semi-monthly; some chapters monthly. Some of these letters are six to eight pages in length; most of them two to four. One chapter, *Beta*, has issued its letter regularly for nine years, and is now in its 420th number.

The value of these letters is great—every chapter should issue such a news sheet. And the best way of insuring the regular appearance of these letters is to provide the proper officer with the necessary equipment. If he has to go one place to cut the stencils, to another building to borrow a mimeograph, and then to a third place to address the envelopes, you are maximizing the chances of non-appearance of your letter. At small expense you can provide a typewriter and a duplicating machine; at even less expense, an addressing machine and envelope sealer. This apparatus will last years, and you will be surprised at the regularity with which your letter will appear. Such equipment will also mean that the editors can devote all their time to editorial matters—not running errands.

—*The Deltasig* of Delta Sigma Pi



# Editorials

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## *Academic Restrictions*

Within the period of a year, two educational institutions at which T. U. O. is represented by chapters have adopted new regulations which impose serious handicaps on all fraternities located at those schools.

At Miami University, according to figures recently compiled by the Student Auditor's office, seven of the ten fraternities operating commissaries are doing so at a loss. The three who have not operated at a loss have, under the most careful management, been able to make just a little more than expenses. Stewards of the various fraternities attribute these conditions to the university plan which limits to five the number of freshmen a fraternity may board. Stewards say that they must either accept a loss, or serve inferior food. It has been definitely established that no commissary can be a paying proposition if less than twenty-five men are supporting it.

At Worcester Polytechnic Institute, the college authorities are rushing the erection of a dormitory in which, upon its completion, all freshmen will be required to reside during their entire first year.

At an institution having a number of fraternities approaching the saturation point, the sudden application of a rule such as that at Worcester, by reducing the number of potential house residents by twenty-five per cent, puts a crimp on the income to meet the operating expenses of a house. In an extreme case it might possibly force the weaker organizations into bankruptcy.

We believe that the governing bodies of most present-day American colleges are sufficiently appreciative of the value of fraternities on their campuses not to force any of them intentionally into extinction, although there are, of course, notable exceptions in certain southern institutions we know of. Perhaps the presentation of this matter to them in the proper light by the Interfraternity Confer-

ence would bring them to a better understanding of the financial problems involved in managing a home at college for the members of a fraternity chapter, and would ameliorate this grave situation.

### *Best Wishes*

The OMEGAN, in behalf of the fraternity, extends its heartiest felicitations to Arch Master James E. Stevens upon his matrimonial venture which took place in August. Details of this happy event, which leaves Arch Chaplain M. C. Cowden the only unmarried member of the Arch Council, will be found among the alumni notes.

### *Compulsory Life Subscriptions*

It is by no means too early to begin thinking about and formulating opinions on the questions to be brought before the next Arch Convocation. One of these will be the matter of compulsory life subscriptions to the OMEGAN.

At the summer meeting of the Arch Council a year ago, Arch Master Stevens appointed a committee to solicit annual and life subscriptions. After a year's functioning the results are still insignificant. Publication expenses are being met by subscriptions satisfactorily enough and the paper appears at regular intervals, but it is not reaching a sufficient number of alumni.

All fraternities are meeting or have met this problem, and its solution seems to be in some system of compulsory subscriptions.

George Starr Lasher, viewing this problem in *The Rattle* of Theta Chi, of which he is editor, writes as follows:

"Realizing that the fraternity magazine is the most effective means of maintaining the interest of alumni in the organization, at least nineteen Greek-letter organizations have provided that initiates take out a life subscription at the time of initiation. Others are making plans to follow the example set. They recognize that the magazine is of service to the entire fraternity and that the only fair way to all concerned is that every member support the publication; this, of course, can be assured only by compulsory life subscriptions paid for at the time of initiation.

"Sigma Phi Epsilon has gone a step farther and provided, by raising its national initiation fee from \$15 to \$35, an endowment

that will not only take care of life subscriptions to the magazine, but will solve all the problems of a financial character, such as adequate housing of chapters, scholarships, and other desirable fraternity projects. Its increase in this permanent endowment will be at least \$20,000 a year, and so soon the fraternity will be the most firmly established fraternity in this country from a financial standpoint, and the contributions will be upon a one hundred per cent equality basis. Up to the time of adoption of this plan only 448 out of 7,668 alumni were supporting the fraternity through dues or life memberships. This number is now increasing decidedly.

“The following organizations are among those which have made the life subscription compulsory, the amounts charged ranging from \$10 to \$35, the majority being at \$15: Phi Delta Theta, Beta Theta Pi, Psi Upsilon, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Tau Omega (a four-dollar payment necessary after graduation), Alpha Sigma Phi, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Delta Delta Delta, Kappa Delta Rho, Theta Kappa Nu, Beta Kappa, Sigma Kappa, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Gamma Delta, Phi Mu Delta, Pi Beta Phi, Chi Tau, Delta Chi, Alpha Omicron Pi.

“Pi Beta Phi went on the compulsory life subscription plan in 1918 and reported at its last convention a fund of \$103,000. Alpha Sigma Phi after two years had accumulated \$22,000 and is insured a minimum increase of \$6,000 yearly. Alpha Omicron Pi is loaning its fund for chapter house building and to needy students. At a banquet closing the Delta Delta Delta convention at which the life compulsory plan was adopted, alumnae present paid in life subscriptions to the total of \$2,355. Sigma Kappa adopted the plan in 1924 and up to January 10, 1926, had 1,850 paid-up subscribers, 37½ per cent of the entire membership.”

# CHAPTER NEWS



## Beta Alpha

## Worcester Polytechnic Institute

The scholarship trophy at Tech this year was won by Theta Chi fraternity. Beta Alpha was third on the list, a fraction of a point behind the second place winners, Lambda Chi. The scholarship committee is planning a determined drive to place T. U. O. on top this year.

In the baseball series of last spring, T. U. O. emerged in a tie for first place, losing but one game, but lost in the championship encounter. With last year's basketball team intact and several court players added who were not in college last year, the chapter team should make an excellent showing in this fall's basketball tournament.

In football also, Beta Alpha should cut a wide swath. Captain Ted Lewis has kept in condition by driving an oil truck all summer, while Swede Johnson, quarterback of three years ago, is in college again and has been swinging a pick for exercise. Doc Monnier will be out for his old position at guard again this fall, while Clayt Marshall, one of our newcomers last year, will be a tackle candidate, a position he filled for three years in high school.

## Gamma Alpha

## Stevens Institute of Technology

No letter received.

## Delta Alpha

## University of Illinois

Delta Alpha held one of its most successful banquets on the evening of August thirtieth at the Allerton Club in Chicago. Its success was largely due to the able management of W. K. Wanner, '24, who has arranged a large number of our get-togethers in Chicago. Among the twenty-six present were Arch Master J. E.



Stevens and Arch Visitor L. H. Braun, '23. Len Braun acted as toastmaster and first introduced J. J. Gathercoal, ex '27, who told of his plans of going to Europe to study architecture and also of his intention of leaving the Parisian flappers alone. We have our doubts, knowing Jimmy as we do, but hope he has the best of luck.



Arch Visitor L. H. Braun

Arch Master Stevens was next. He gave a very interesting talk explaining to the rushees what a fraternity is. He emphasized the fact that fraternities were inspiring instead of discouraging scholarship, as a great many people believed. He told of T. U. O's steps along this line of scholarship. He then told a little of the history of T. U. O., also relating much of the alumni activities, showing the past year to have been very successful all round.

T. K. Hull, '27, Chapter Master, then talked upon our new home and of how proud we should be of it. He was followed by C. C. Braunn, '26, who talked upon the importance of outside activities in the University life. Len Braun then summed up what all the others had said and finished by telling what a fraternity means after one is out of school. One has friends who are friends in all parts of the country. He said that there is something in common with all other fraternity men.

After the formal program, every one was given a gift, each gift having a significance in either the past or future. At this time a great many of the boys were surprised to find that Jim Stevens had settled down and had been going through the trials and tribulations of furnishing a home for two.

#### NO CARS AT ILLINOIS

The Council of Administration passed a ruling that stated that no undergraduate student could have a car at school, unless granted a special permit by the Council; and to obtain said permit, the

student must present a written request from his or her parents. Those with physical disabilities can be granted permits upon request and after a physical examination. Suddenly a bad epidemic of flat feet and rheumatism has hit the campus. Canes and crutches have become very popular. Those who cannot find anything or manufacture anything wrong with themselves, have come to the conclusion that a horse and buggy is the only way to save steps now. Bicycles seem to have come to their own again. What fun when someone starts the fad of taking dates to the College Hall hops on Friday nights via bicycles! Imagine all the hacks and nags standing around the streets with the old nose-bags in operation!

T. U. O. is trying to raise a fund to purchase a horse and hack 'cause we have to be in style. Thanks for the Buggy Ride!

### Epsilon Alpha

### Temple University

Epsilon Alpha chapter was fortunate in having about twelve men living at the chapter house during the summer months. The house was open to many Sesqui-Centennial visitors during this time, but as so many failed to register in our visitors' book, we cannot give an accurate account of their names. Five of our Eta Alpha brothers stayed with us a few days on their way to New York City. We were glad to see four brothers from Theta Alpha who stopped on their way home from training camp in Virginia. Brother Parres, Delta Alpha, and Brother Poole, Eta Alpha, were mighty welcome guests for a few days. Brothers Bird and Hoover, Iota Alpha, and Brother Ludwig, Gamma Alpha, also spent a short time with us.

Unfortunately, the chapter was without a house the first three weeks in September, as our lease on the old house expired on the first of the month and we could not get possession of our new house until the middle of the month. Several of the boys went home during this interval and others obtained rooms nearby.

Among offices held by members of the chapter for the coming term are: president and secretary of the Blue Key Honorary Fraternity, presidents of the Amalgamated Senior Class, Senior class of the Teachers College, Junior class, School of Commerce, the Amalgamated Junior Class, and the Student Council. We have the Student Editor of The Temple University Weekly, Manager of

the Varsity basketball team, Managing Editor and Exchange Editor of The Weekly, Manager of the University Band, Captain of the Varsity football and track teams, as well as several members and various other officers. Epsilon Alpha is well represented in all activities on the campus.

### Zeta Alpha

### Bucknell University

At least four of last year's group will not return to Bucknell this fall. Alton Roth, '29, is enrolled at the Pitt Dental School at Pittsburgh; Willis Hill, '29, intends to attend the Philadelphia School of Pharmacy; "Bud" Wise is roaming through the Middle West; and Kenneth Horsman, '27, has a position with the Erie Steam Shovel Company of Erie, Pennsylvania, as night production man.

Plans are being made for the closed rushing season which opens on September 22.

Scholarship ratings given out by the Dean's office show Zeta Alpha with an average of 78.78% for the year 1925-26. This topped the chapter from its place at the top and shoved Theta Upsilon Omega into second place. Alpha Chi Mu, a local fraternity, climbed to 80.53% to capture the first honors.

Seven men stayed at the house during the summer, attending the six-weeks summer session at the University. Among those present were: M. V. Mussina, '24; R. B. Vastine, '27; Howard Bull, '27; Bruce McHail, '26; and Harry Engle, '25.

### Eta Alpha

### George Washington University

Following its yearly custom, Eta Alpha chapter had its summer camp on the Potomac. Situated on the Virginia side of the river, the camp was only a few miles from the city, and was an ideal place for swimming parties and picnics for the members and their guests.

The past summer we were fortunate enough to be visited by members of several of the other chapters, including Temple, Illinois, Stevens, New Hampshire, Miami and Westminster. Quite a few of our fellows also had occasion to visit some of the other chapters in their wanderings, and report having a splendid visit at all of them.

An enterprising burglar made a nocturnal visit to the chapter house recently and succeeded in relieving some of the boys of a

total of \$85.00, which is considered big money in these parts. Quite often the policeman on our beat drops in for a little snooze, but as luck would have it he was far away on this eventful night. The ambitious efforts of our amateur sleuths have as yet shed no light on the mystery.

A large number of our boys remained in Washington for the greater part of the summer, due to summer school and in order to retain their positions in the various Government departments. Altho it was very hot here, we managed to stave off the summer by little informal soirées at the roof gardens or at the camp up the river.

Considering the number of engagements during the last school year, our share of marriages has been rather high. However, our batting average threatens to take a decided slump, as it is being rumored that several of our most notable engagements have been broken during the torrid season.

Our chapter house was the scene of unusual activity prior to the opening days of school. The floors were altered and refinished, some of the walls were newly papered, and the attic was white-washed; in short, the whole house is now looking spic and span. A great deal of credit for this goes to our Steward, Bill Reese, who accomplished a heretofore impossible feat by inducing almost everybody to become familiar with the broom or the paint brush.

### Theta Alpha

### University of New Hampshire

Theta Alpha was the runner-up in the inter-fraternity baseball league last spring, being defeated in the championship series by Lambda Chi Alpha.

Theta Alpha also won the cup for second honors in the inter-fraternity debating league last spring.

The spring house dance was held in the T. Hall gym on the evening of May 29, and was a very enjoyable party.

An unusually large number of alumni returned for Theta Alpha's annual initiation banquet, which was held at the Community House on May first.

### Iota Alpha

### Pennsylvania State College

Once again Penn State will meet Bucknell, this occasion on the gridiron. November thirteenth is Pennsylvania Day, and the big

day of the fall house party season. Let the Bucknell brothers take this notice as an advance invitation to a real social event.

Each year we have our biggest and most important alumni meeting on the regular college alumni day. Because of the large graduating class last spring, we are looking forward to a big day October 23. It will be the day of the Syracuse football game, and with it as the main attraction we expect a capacity crowd.

#### **Kappa Alpha**

**Davidson College**

No letter received.

#### **Lambda Alpha**

**Westminster College**

No letter received.

#### **Beta Beta**

**Miami University**

The last month or two of the school year was filled with evenings of merriment, with all of the formals in progress. At the T. U. O. formal held on May first, the Gym was appropriately decorated in a May Pole effect. Everyone had a glorious time.

The last days were filled with the bitterness of cramming and the ordeal of exams. After Commencement the house was deserted for a week until the summer school session opened, and Brothers J. L. Hoffman, Al Hoffman, and Flynn resumed the grind. Little has been heard from the brothers who chose more enjoyable ways to spend the summer, but we trust that they had a better time than those who remained among the old maid school teachers.

When school opened this fall a new method of receiving freshmen was tried. No upper classmen, except six from each fraternity who were to get the houses in readiness, were allowed in town until the Thursday following the Monday opening. Those three days were used by the Administration in acquainting the freshmen with Miami. Pledging was absolutely forbidden until Thursday, when the grand rush began. It is too soon to tell how well the plan works, but it is being watched with interest by all fraternity men.

#### **Gamma Beta**

**University of California**

Fall initiation kept Gamma Beta busy over the week-end of Sept. 10-11th. Under the Inter-fraternity Council's ruling at California, all first year men must be pledged for a semester before being initiated. In keeping with this rule, Nestor Paiva, '30, a



husky tackle from Fresno, Charles Hardy, '30, and Harry Gill, '30, went through the first degree on the evening of September 10th, along with various and sundry ordeals, and joined Ed. Rice, '29, Lloyd Metzner, '29, Otto Morgensen, '28, George Miller, '29, and Earl Jacobsen, '29, who were put through the second and third degrees Saturday night, in a twenty-six mile stroll back home from a lonely graveyard.

Initiation banquet and the final degrees occupied our attention Saturday night. The banquet, welcoming in our five new brothers and three pledges, was held in the Roof Garden of the Hotel Whitcomb, San Francisco. Brother Dickinson, '27, head of the Banquet Committee, provided a wonderful meal and super-entertainment.

Among those present were Frederick Youngman, of George Washington chapter, R. B. Webb of Illinois, and Douglas W. Anderson from Bucknell, attending the convention of Pi Delta Epsilon, national journalistic honor society. They spent three days with us in Berkeley; happy days, we hope.

The P. D. E. boys from all over the country were entertained royally during the convention. High spots were a smoker at the Athens Athletic Club, Oakland, and an informal at the wonderful Claremont Country Club. Blind dates were furnished visiting delegates, questionnaires being sent out ahead of time, so that all tastes were satisfied.

On Friday night, the 20th of August, just one week after school had started, Berkeley Country Club was the scene of Gamma Beta's Fall Rush Dance. Situated in the foothills, overlooking San Francisco Bay, it proved an ideal setting for the dance, adding to the success of the jig. The house en masse, a number of grads, and about fifteen rushees were present to enjoy the hot music, slick food and the beautiful women. Rush dances have been found a great aid in rushing, proving a painless method of making a good impression on the rushees and providing a wonderful evening for the members as well.

Inter-fraternity baseball, the leading intramural sport of the fall semester, commenced September 1st. The California T. U. O. outfit reached the semi-finals in a 64 team league in 1925 and with a fast, heavy hitting infield of Jones, '24, Robinson, '25, Betz, '29, and Hyde, '29, the team seems all set to repeat.

Early morning practice is the order of the day, from 6:30 to 7:30, the less ambitious members of the house shivering on the sidelines while the athletes work out.

## Why Go To College?

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of spelling wealth. This is the wrong attitude to take towards a college career and is the reason why so many college grads "bellyache" about the poor success they have made.

Now for the last type. He entered college because he wanted to have a comfortable, happy existence. He studied, but not too hard, and at the same time engaged in a few extra-curricular activities. He received a well rounded education and at the same time time drank his fill of college life.

This chap does not expect to go out and be a whirlwind in the business world. He is content to take his place with the rest and by aid of his college training and hard work show his ability. He first wants to show by reason of his ability his right to succeed and he will succeed. His mind is not occupied with the making of money, he is working because he likes the profession he entered.

Few students realize that college does not produce winners. It merely gives the training whereby one may go out and do better work. If one is to be a success he must be born with those qualities. A college education merely helps to attain this success. One must have an energetic and fighting spirit, and be prepared to climb the hill of success against odds. College will not make a man, it merely molds him and prepares him to withstand better the strain of the terrific climb.

The student who realizes this will go out and make a name for himself and for his Alma Mater. He will not grow disgruntled if he does not take the superintendent's position the first two years. He will plod right along and eventually he will be one of the many \$10,000 a year men. Probably he will never be worth millions, but he will be comfortable and incidentally will have received a culture which will help him immeasurably to enjoy the finer things in life.

## Personals

The present year bids fair to be a year of accomplishment for Theta Upsilon Omega in the realm of athletics. With the football captains at Temple University, Westminster College, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and the University of California all wearers of the T. U. O. pin, this season should see many gridiron honors falling to our lot.

At Beta Alpha, Captain Lewis of the Worcester eleven was accorded a further distinction in being elected president of the Athletic Association. He has already served for two years on the Athletic Council, as secretary and treasurer. Moreover, he was last spring elected to Skull, the senior honorary fraternity. It is unnecessary to say that Brother Lewis one of the best-liked men at Worcester.

Bucknell University's schedule this year includes games with Washington and Jefferson, Pennsylvania State College, and Lehigh University. Zeta Alpha chapter has a candidate for the team in the person of "Ted" Mitchell, who is, by the way, president of the sophomore class at Bucknell this year. As this goes to press, Ted's chances of landing a regular position at guard look very good.

At the University of New Hampshire, Brothers Hatch, '28, McLaren, '28, Kemp, '29, Appleby, '29, Reed, '29, and Lawrence, '29, are out for varsity football this fall. At Temple University, Captain Cresse expects



L. W. Lewis, B A, '27

to count some other members of his chapter in the team he leads this fall. Captain Bert Griffin of California and football prospects on the coast are treated elsewhere in this issue of THE OMEGAN.

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When it is a question of other sports, very little information is at hand concerning this year, but several events of last year have not yet been chronicled in the pages of THE OMEGAN.

Chief among these is the awarding of letters in all sports at Westminster, which took place June seventh. In football, Captain Paul Montgomery, J. Harold Coles, John T. Offutt, Joseph Rose, and Wendell Hitchcock received the coveted award. Basketball letters went to Brothers L. Howard Logan and J. Harold Coles. In track, William Hartwell and Charles Ayers, and in tennis, Paul K. Gibson, won their letters.

At the University of New Hampshire, Brothers Reinhart, '29, and Seaver, '29, won their numerals in baseball last spring, and Brother Noyes, '29, was awarded his numerals in freshman track. He came within  $3/5$  of a second of breaking the college record in the half mile.

Zeta Alpha also possesses a freshman track star, Frank Loper, '29, who was captain of the freshman track team last spring. Just by way of versatility, "Lope" has been elected the college Y. M. C. A. secretary for this year.

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"Vin" McHail, Z A '28, returned to school on September fifth to help with the publishing of a special Frosh number of the *Bucknellian*. He has a busy year ahead of him as News Editor of the *Bucknellian* and as Editor-in-Chief of *L'Agenda*, the college annual published by the Junior Class.

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Robert Phelps, '27, Elroy Chase, '27, and Robert Burnham, '27, all of Theta Alpha chapter, spent six weeks of the past summer in training at Fort Monroe, Virginia.

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C. Evans Duemler, Z A '28, spent a busy summer working with the United Gas Improvements Company of Philadelphia.

Bill Taylor of Beta Alpha took his annual journey around the country last summer, hitting the high spots between Boston and the Pacific Coast during his wanderings. Another member of Beta Alpha, Carl Robinson, sensational pitcher of last spring's baseball nine, twirled a splendid game for the West Boyleson Club this summer.

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Raymond Reed, H A '27, is attending the University of Nebraska this year. He expects to get his degree in electrical engineering.

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Members of Eta Alpha chapter strayed far during the summer months.

Bill Reese, Law '25, is looking fine after a three months auto trip through the United States and Canada. To the wonderment of all, Bill's automobile survived the ordeal in fine shape.

Horace Domigan '28, spent his summer vacation by "seeing America first." "Domy" is now more versatile than ever, having worked in the wheat fields of Kansas, punched cattle in Texas, and ridden the "blinds" on some of our most luxurious trans-continental limiteds.

William Williamson '28, has returned from an extended trip to Oklahoma.

Pledge Henry Foster '29, attended summer school at the University of Syraeuse.

Max Thomas, '28, has returned from his vacation on his old Virginia plantation. Many times during the past summer did Max act as genial host to his fraternity brothers, and some of them are still raving about a certain kind of blackberry wine.

George Clark, Jr., '28, spent the summer months at his home in New Wilmington, Pa.

Fred Youngman, Law '27, has returned from an extended trip through the West, the main points of which were: milking cows in his native state of Montana, acting as delegate to the Pi Delta Epsilon convention at Berkeley, visiting the Gamma Beta chapter at Berkeley, and flirting *at* pretty girls on the train.

Marvin Gettle, '28, went home for a visit in his native state of Arkansas, and decided to stay there and attend the University of Arkansas.



Carlton Thomas, '28, spent most of the summer on his palatial Wyoming ranch, roaming the wide open spaces on his trusty cayuse.

Sherman Johnson, '28, stayed throughout the whole of last summer in Kansas.

Douglas Hartman, Law '29, went home to Wisconsin and returned with his brother, Charles. Doug stopped off in Indiana long enough to act as best man at the wedding of Arch Master James E. Stevens.

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Gamma Beta, during the summer months, was scattered well over the state of California. Gene Baker, '27, Frank Gill, '28, and Harry Gill, '30, were building rigs in the Taft Oil fields; Oren Jones, '29, was a lumberjack in the northern pine forests, while Ray Robinson, '25, back for three years of law, counted the bugs on his tomato vines in Merced. Clarence Betz, '29, and Claude Fancher, '28, spent the summer in Yosemite Valley and Jack O'Harra, '29, acted as a body-guard for strike breakers in a San Francisco labor war. Jack liked his work so well he's staying for a semester until he personally sees that the disturbance is settled. Others of the fellows worked around the bay or took summer session courses at the University.

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Bob Johnson copped the baseball manager's job at Worcester Tech without much trouble.

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George Gardner, H A '28, one of our coming newspapermen, is in New York this year, studying journalism at Columbia.

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At the University of New Hampshire, Brothers Haydn Pearson, '26, and Wallace Ware, '26, were elected to membership in Phi Kappa Phi, honorary scholastic fraternity, before their graduation last June.

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The summer play of the Illini Theatre Guild at the University of Illinois, "The Dover Road", was produced under the management of R. T. Battey, Δ A '27. The play was very successful and received favorable comments from all of the critics. Brother Battey is manager of the Star Course, the U. of I. concert and lecture series, for this year.

# ALUMNI NOTES

## Beta Alpha

George Abererombie, '16, has recently completed a fine new home at Melrose, Mass., in the Melrose Highlands. He is principal owner of the Franklin company, a knitting mill.

H. S. Johnson, '24, Chapter Master during the year 1923-24, is now located in Detroit with the Coon-DeVisser company, sales engineers.

A. E. Englund, '25, is working for the Jacobs Chuck company in Hartford, Conn.

Jerome W. Howe, '09, was recently honored by the trustees of Worcester Tech with a promotion to a full professorship in Civil Engineering. The coming year will be his third as a member of the faculty.

L. F. Sanborn, '25, has returned from Bahama with Mrs. Sanborn and has accepted a position with the New England Power company. He is now located in Keene, N. H.

The graduates in the class of 1926 have all taken positions and all appear to be very well satisfied with their selections. A. W. Haley, last year's Master, is now with the production department of the Westinghouse company at Springfield, Mass. He makes frequent trips to the house. Bro. Fred Haskell is located at New York with the Edison Light company. Bro. C. B. Hardy is chief of party on a new dam being built by the Springfield Water works at Granville, Mass. Bro. H. A. Baines has been with the Westinghouse company in Pittsburg during the summer but will return to Tech as a student assistant in the near future. Bro. Emerson Wiggings is with the Sullivan machine company at Claremont, N. H. but expects to be transferred to the Cleveland office before long.

Arch Chaplain Wheat Cowden had rather an easy summer tending the fires at the Cowden cottage at Cadmun's Neck, Mass.

He has appeared at Worcester a number of times to swap yarns with the boys who drift in.

On behalf of the fraternity, the OMEGAN extends sympathy to Brother and Mrs. R. C. Jordon, '25, whose infant son, Richard Havens Jordan, died August eleventh.

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### Gamma Alpha

T. L. Hall, '26, is a cadet with the Public Service Electric and Gas Company of New Jersey. He is at present living in Montclair, New Jersey, having lately moved from Southold, Long Island.

L. W. Geisler, business manager of the OMEGAN, and also a cadet with the Public Service Company, has recently been transferred to Paterson, New Jersey, where he expects to remain for several months.

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### Delta Alpha

Brother L. H. Braun, '23, made a trip to Detroit a few weeks ago and found that Brothers Cunliffe and Osborne are the proprietors of one of the city's best Sandwich Shops. They are right down in the business district and are making a big success of it.

F. W. Copp, '24, is working with one of the big creamery companies in Detroit.

We were very fortunate this last year in losing only four men through graduation. This is about the smallest number we have ever lost in a graduating class. However, this loss was heavily felt, for C. E. Mason, M. E. Potter, C. B. Bussey and H. H. Ziegler, have all done a great deal for Delta Alpha. C. E. Mason, '26, otherwise known as "Pops," has been with us for well nigh six years, and during that time has held practically every house office and done well at them all. During his last year in school, he acted as chief advisor at house meetings and quelled many a useless argument. He is now working with a glass company at Alton, Illinois, and is advancing very rapidly.

M. E. Potter, '26, was one of the best Masters we have had. He guided us through a trying period in a masterful way with almost no mistakes. This last summer he has been a Red Cross Life Guard Examiner at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. This fall he goes down to the University of Kentucky, where he will have charge of Physical Education and intra-mural athletics.

C. B. Bussey, '26, is another athletic coach, and while here at school combined athletics and scholarship. He never made an average below four point and worked hard to win his letter in football, wrestling and track. In his last year, which was the only one he went through without an injury, he won the major "I" in wrestling. "Bus" will be coaching out at Westminster University at Salt Lake City this fall.

H. H. Ziegler, '26, was one of the boys that helped make the fun around the house, and it is always necessary to have some of this type. He also had a car in which he hauled the boys around occasionally. So "Fuzzy" will be missed as much as any of the rest. We have not heard from him, so do not know what he is doing. It was rumored that he had a job as pullman conductor just to fill in the time while he is waiting for something better.

James J. Gathercoal, ex '27, sailed Saturday, September 18, on the *Orduna*, to study architecture in Europe. He intends to make his headquarters in Paris. Rather than enrolling in a school, he intends to travel independently, observing and sketching.

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### Zeta Alpha

John Burdick Miller, '26, whose marriage to Miss Elizabeth Gordnier of Coudersport is announced in this issue, graduated from Bucknell in June with "magna cum laude" and was awarded a prize for having attained the highest four-year average in the engineering courses at Bucknell. The bride attended Mansfield Normal School at Mansfield, Pennsylvania. After a honeymoon through the Adirondacks by motor, Mr. and Mrs. Miller are now at home in 125 Fifth Street, Lewisburg, where they will reside while "Jack" is engaged as an instructor on the Bucknell University staff.

Nelson Patterson, '24, a student at the Cincinnati Medical College, was an interne throughout the summer at the Conemaugh Valley Memorial Hospital, Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Wilson R. Neiser, '24, has junior rating in the electrical engineering course at the University of Pennsylvania.

Last year's seniors are engaged in a variety of occupations. Several are teaching. J. B. Miller is an instructor at Bucknell; Arland Cooper is teaching at Knoxville, Pennsylvania; and Bruce McHail is assistant principal of the Bolivar High School, Bolivar, Pennsylvania. Of those who are studying medicine, Ray Daggs is at Rochester Medical School, Rochester, New York, and J. L. Cornely is at the Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. Raymond Edwards has entered the Rochester Theological Seminary. Clyde Learn and Walter Kuster are both in the employ of the DuPont de Nemours Rayon Silk Company at Buffalo. Charles Rosenerans is with a company in Bloomfield, New Jersey, R. T. Merwin is on the staff of a newspaper in New Haven, Connecticut, and Theodore Angus is working for the Pennsylvania Railroad at Conemaugh, Pennsylvania.

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### Eta Alpha

Harold B. Curtis, '25, and his wife have just completed a motor trip to California, where Harold expects to practice law.

William Geisler, A. B. '24, was graduated from Northwestern University Medical School last summer, and is now serving his internship at the Iowa Methodist Hospital at Des Moines.

Russell Jansen, '26, is now an interne at Garfield Hospital, Washington.

Oscar A. Zabel, '26, and wife are motoring to Spokane, Washington, where he will enter the practice of law.

Adrian Busick, '26, is now with the General Electric Company at Boston.

Ronald N. Marquis, Law '26, has returned from a visit in Oklahoma, and is now preparing for the D. C. bar exams.



A wedding of unusual interest to members of Theta Upsilon Omega occurred August fifth at Marion, Indiana, when Miss Adela Stephens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Stephens, became the bride of Arch Master James E. Stevens. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. G. M. Myers of Casey, Illinois. Douglas W. Hartman, H A Law '29, acted as best man.



Mr. and Mrs. James E. Stevens

Before her marriage, Mrs. Stevens was associated with the Marion School of Music as a piano instructor. Arch Master Stevens is an attorney of the federal trade commission of Chicago, Illinois. After a wedding trip in the East, Brother and Mrs. Stevens returned to Chicago, where they are making their home at 4727 Ellis Avenue.

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### Theta Alpha

Roswell Evans, '26, has been signally honored by receiving a teaching fellowship at Purdue University.

Howard V. Ingham, '22, is now located in St. Louis, Missouri, as a traveling salesman.

Douglas Eaton, '26, is teaching in the Chatham, Massachusetts, High School.

Donald Barton, '24, has received his Master's degree from the University of New Hampshire, and is now an instructor there.

George Saunders, '25, is employed by the Vermont Marble Company, at Rutland, Vermont.

Charles H. Brown, '26, is teaching in the Wolcott, New York, High School.

B. W. McIntire, '25, is managing the Lothrop-Farnum store in Durham, New Hampshire.

### Iota Alpha

Vananda J. Meyl, '26, author of "A T. U. O. Landscape Architect's Visit to Mount Vernon" in this issue of the OMEGAN, is now located at 217 Ash Street, Scranton, Pennsylvania. He has been designing a Modern Park Cemetery of 210 acres for Scranton, and is also engaged in laying out several estates in the vicinity.

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### Beta Beta

Little has been heard from the alumni during the summer, except the marriages of Brother Kincaid and Price, which means presumably that the college days of those two can be considered at an end.

The alumni ranks were increased by the class of 1926 with the graduation of brothers Theodore Apperle, Kenneth Hawver, Paul Kramer, and S. E. Slaughter. Besides those men who received their sheepskins in June at the regular commencement, there were some who finished by attending summer school. Brothers Vic Blanke, J. L. Hoffman, and Al Hoffman are numbered among those who suffered through school during the hot months. We are proud of the achievements of Al Hoffman, who by concentrated effort finished in three years. Besides gathering in numbers of A's and B's, Brother Hoffman holds the honor of being the first graduate of Miami to receive honors in Architectural Drawing.

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### Gamma Beta

John H. Keith, '23, after working as Assistant Assessor of Riverside County, California, has ousted his former boss, and has things his own way in the Southern part of the state.

"Doc" Hieronymus, '23, has attained the enviable position of Superintendent of Instruction for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. Poor Doc has to break in all the new "hello" girls.

Don Spagnoli, '25, is teaching the three "Rs" in Placerville, the scene of the first gold rush in California. Don says he's on the lookout for nuggets.

## Vital Statistics

### ENGAGEMENTS

Beta Alpha—P. M. Lowell, '28, to Miss Gertrude M. Dole of Newburyport, Massachusetts.

Delta Alpha—M. E. Potter, '25, to Miss Ruby Croslin.

Theta Alpha—Lewis F. Foote, '25, to Miss Margaret Flint, '28, of Meredith, New Hampshire.

### MARRIAGES

Delta Alpha—Edward Bernard Sheets, '24, to Miss Corinne Josephine Beaver, June 30, 1926.

Zeta Alpha—John Burdick Miller, '26, to Miss Elizabeth Gordnier, of Coudersport, Pennsylvania, on August 14, 1926.

Eta Alpha—Arch Master James E. Stevens to Miss Adela Stephens, at Marion, Indiana, August 5, 1926.

Lloyd Stevens, '27, to Miss Eleanor Stauffer Gilbert, at Baltimore, Maryland.

Craig S. Atkins, '25, to Miss Margaret Elinor Denty, at Chevy Chase, D. C., June 30, 1926.

Theta Alpha—Wesley B. Shand, '24, to Miss Gladys E. Demeritt, of Newmarket, New Hampshire.

Iota Alpha—Everette Rowland, '26, to Miss Alice Sharabaugh of Ebensburg.

Lambda Alpha—Raymond A. Pitzer, '26, to Miss Edna Gaylord, of Jamestown, Pennsylvania, on June 11. Brother and Mrs. Pitzer will reside in Chicago, where he will enter the Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Beta Beta—A. W. Kincaid, '27, to Miss Helen Kearns, Piqua, O.

Gamma Beta—Christopher Snead, '24, to Miss Anita Claussenius, Phi Mu, '25.

Richard R. Townley, '25, to Miss Doris Lillick.

Lawrence Krieg, '25, to Miss Helen Aikman.

Arthur L. Adkins, '25, to Miss Helen Lehmer, '25.

### BIRTHS

Gamma Alpha—A daughter, Eleanor Kevill, to Brother and Mrs. Albert Wersebe, '22, on April 13, 1926.

A daughter to Brother and Mrs. Paul Hooper, '18, on March 5, 1926. This is Brother Hooper's fourth child.

A son to Brother and Mrs. Edward A. Theurkauf, '19, on April 27, 1926. Brother Theurkauf now has two sons.

Delta Alpha—A daughter, Louana Mae, to Brother and Mrs. M. D. Engelhart, '23, on June first.

Eta Alpha—A daughter to Brother and Mrs. Earl Brown, '23, on July 30, 1926.

Gamma Beta—A son to Brother and Mrs. Cecil Norman Lavers, '26, on July 18, 1926.

A daughter to Brother and Mrs. Norman J. Norsworthy, '21, on August 23, 1926.

A son to Brother and Mrs. William W. Gill, '27, on August 31, 1926.

## A T. U. O. Landscape Architect's Visit to Mount Vernon


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eratic tendencies of the times. Somehow the furniture, the wall decorations, all seem to be out of tune with the grandeur of Mount Vernon as a whole.


Outside the mansion, there are numerous buildings arranged in regular files, to the rear and flanking the mansion. On the right, at the rear, we have the gardener's house, the spinning house, the blacksmith's house, the ice house, and the greenhouse. To the left, are found the kitchen, the butler's house, and four or five other houses, ending in the stable, which was built in 1742 of brick imported from England.

The buildings might be described as being placed in a mighty arch design, with the mansion house the keystone. Everything else is subordinated to it; it is the jewel pushed forth amidst this wonderful setting. The graceful lawn, which I was surprised to learn was not level, sweeps sharply away from the very edge of the flagstone pavement under the great porch roof, unbroken by shrubby planting; only the fringe of majestic trees, most of them elms, down towards the river and in every direction.

I left Mount Vernon fully convinced that the grandeur lies in its magnificent simplicity.



# Fratern al and Collegiate



## ALUMNI AND ACTIVE CHAPTERS

It is at this time of the year that fraternity alumni commence to cast about and look up likely rushees for their chapters to consider in the fall, and in the fall will come the perennial problem apparently no nearer solution than it ever was: the problem of what hand the alumni should take in the pledging of men.

The question of alumni relations is a complex and delicate one, and in most chapters receives practically no attention. It is no wonder, then, that when some alumni-recommended rushee is rejected by the chapter, the alumni feel indignant and mutter darkly of the next request for funds and what reception will be accorded it.

But aside from the advisability and tactfulness of a chapter's attentions to its alumni, the question of pledging men should be left altogether in the hands of the active men. The chapter knows as much about most rushees as the alumni who recommended them do. The chapter furthermore will have to live with the pledge for from one to three years. Directly upon the chapter will reflect whatever of good or bad the pledge accomplishes.

The one exception to the rule that a chapter knows its rushees better than the alumni recommenders do is the case of relatives. One of the greatest curses and greatest blessings of a fraternity is the heritage of relatives it gets. In most fraternities a tremendous pressure is applied on the active chapter to accept relatives primarily because they are relatives, and men who would probably not be accepted otherwise.

Sons of brothers, cousins of brothers, brothers of brothers, all these and many more come to every chapter of any age. The



brother may take any steps from pleading to threatening, but usually there is the devil to pay if the relatives are not taken in. In some cases the displeasure only takes the form of declining to recommend more men, or in staying away from Homecoming, but oftener the outraged brother takes the trouble to write an indignant letter to the chapter denouncing it and its ways, and disowning it, after a manner of speaking.

This displeasure is perfectly natural, and in a great many cases probably justified, because undergraduate chapters, being all too human institutions, are wont to make mistakes. The plea which should be entered for the active men is that they are less apt to make mistakes than the alumni are, and that they cannot afford to take men into the house for family reasons.

The fraternity must pledge men with fair grades and good prospects for finishing school, and most relatives have these, but these are after all only negative virtues, not positive. Pledges are expected to have these, and the best rushees have good grades, good chances of finishing, and are expected to take part in campus affairs. The pledging of men merely because they are relatives cuts down the number of pledges who may be taken to build up the chapter, and that number can never be great enough.

The chapter which pledges relatives because they are relatives is bound to suffer, and the alumni who expect this are doing their own fraternities positive harm. A little tact and a moderate amount of attention to the fraternal courtesies of life will make alumni more charitable towards what they regard as the mistakes of their chapters.—*The Daily Illini*.

### Some Goat Rules, as Revised by a Goat

Always call members by their first names. Be friendly.

Keep your pledge pin in your dresser drawer.

Never answer the phone or door bell. Let the members do it.

If you can't be at the goat meeting, ask the goat-master. He will be glad to excuse you.

Don't be backward about conversation. The members like to hear you talk.

Remember that some day thou art to become a Greek (and perhaps run a Greek restaurant on 14th Street).—*The Whistle of Eta Alpha chapter*.

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